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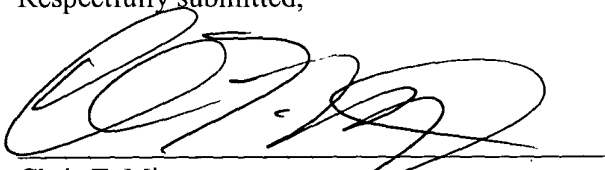
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed October 8, 2002, applicant elects the invention of Group III (claims 18 to 23) drawn to a semiconductor device. Claim 1 is deemed to be generic and therefore should be included in Group III. The election is made without traverse.

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